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SUBJECT: COUP AFTERMATH ROUNDUP

1. LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY:

ON AFTERNOON OF MARCH 12, PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES ACCOMPANIED  
BY PRIME MINISTER, COPCON COMMANDER OTELO CARVALHO, AND OTHER  
MILITARY LEADERS VISITED RAL-1 GARRISON, TARGET OF ABORTIVE  
COUP. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO LAUD GARRISON SOLDIERS FOR  
THEIR COURAGE AND RESISTANCE. THE PRESIDENT AND OTELO MADE  
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SPEECHES REAFFIRMING SOLIDARITY OF AFM WITH PEOPLE. PRESIDENT

ALSO MADE A FEW IMPROMPTU REMARKS TO CROWD OF CIVILIANS OUTSIDE BASE GATES CONGRATULATING THEM ON THEIR BEHAVIOR IN HELPING TO DEFEAT THE COUP.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, RAL-1 SOLDIERS HAVE PASSED A MOTION DEMANDING DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR COUP ATTEMPT AND ATTACK ON THEM. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT ON MAR. 12 TWO CIVILIANS DROVE UP TO RAL-1, HAD WORDS WITH MEMBERS OF GARRISON, AND ENDED UP SHOOTING ONE SOLDIER. SOLDIERS FIRED BACK, KILLING ONE PERSON IN CAR AND WOUNDING THE OTHER. O SECULO LABELS INCIDENT AN EXAMPLE OF REACTIONARY FANATICISM.

3. PARTIES UNDER PRESSURE:

LEFTIST GANGS CONTINUE TO SACK CDS HEADQUARTERS. CDS OFFICES IN BRAGA AND VISEU WERE DESTROYED. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE AGAINST OTHERS YESTERDAY ALSO. LEFTIST PRESS CLAIMS THAT PDC LEADER MAJ. SANCHES OSORIO FLED TO SPAIN, ALTHOUGH THIS NOT CONFIRMED AND PROBABLY UNTRUE. REMARKS BY COMMUNICATION'S MINISTER JESUINO AT MARCH 12 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT FATE OF "FRINGE PARTIES" WHOSE PROGRAMS NOT IN ACCORD WITH "SPIRIT" OF AFM PROGRAM WILL BE DECIDED BY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SUGGESTS TO MANY THAT PDC AND CDS ARE FINISHED.

4. AT SAME PRESS CONFERENCE MENTIONED ABOVE, JESUINO STATED THAT PRESENT GOVERNING COALITION (PPD, PS, AND PCP) WILL CONTINUE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF "PRESENT INEFFECTIVENESS" OF GOVERNMENT, JESUINO SAID IT IS NATURAL THAT PERSONNEL SHUFFLES AND JOB SWITCHES WILL OCCUR. PRIME MINISTER STATED THIS MORNING OVER RADIO THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MDP/CDE) WILL CERTAINLY ENTER GOVERNMENT. PEREIRA DE MOURA AND MARIO MURTEIRA, BOTH NOW SERVING AS ECONOMIC ADVISORS TO THE PRIME MINISTER, ARE PRIME POSSIBILITIES FOR JOB HELD BY MINISTER OF ECONOMY OR FINANCIAL PORTFOLIOS.

5. SEARCHES:

SOLDIERS FROM RAL-1 BROKE INTO A HOUSE NEAR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN LAPA AREA OF LISBON MORNING OF MARCH 12 IN SEARCH OF ALLEGED ARMS CACHE. PRESS SAYS THAT CDS LITERATURE, 18 CARBINES, AND MUNITIONS FOUND. THE SON OF THE OWNER CLAIMS THAT THE ARMS ARE ALL REGISTERED AND THAT HIS FATHER HAS DONE NO WRONG.

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6. CHECKPOINTS:

NUMEROUS CHECKPOINTS WERE IN OPERATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY YESTERDAY, MANNED BY CIVILIANS AND IN SOME CASES BY MILITARY AS WELL. CIVILIANS STOPPED ONE TRAVELER FROM ESTREMOZ TO EVORA YESTERDAY 15 TIMES CHECKING FOR ARMS AND ATTEMPTING TO STOP "REACTIONARIES" FROM FLEEING COUNTRY.

7. MORE ARRESTS:

COPCON FORCES CONTINUE TO ARREST MEMBERS OF FINANCIAL ELITE, ESPECIALLY KEY MEMBERS OF BANKING FAMILY ESPIRITO SANTO SILVA (SEPTTEL). IN ADDITION, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF DORMANT CONSERVATIVE PARTY PSDI, LUIS AROUCA, ARRESTED, ALONG WITH SALLES LANE, DIRECTOR OF PRESTIGIOUS GREMIO LITERARIO, AND VARIOUS OLD REGIME FIGURES WHO WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY PICKED UP. GNR AND SOLDIERS STOPPED A CAR NEAR PORTALEGRE AT NOON ON MARCH 12 CONTAINING JOSE CARLOS CHAMPALIMAUD, WHO ON INTERROGATION ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT HE AND OTHER 5 IN CAR HAD ACCOMPANIED SPINOLA TO TANCOS AIR BASE ON MARCH 11, WHERE GROUP RECEIVED ARMS AND UNIFORMS. ON FAILURE OF COUP, GROUP SAID TO HAVE DECIDED TO ABANDON COUNTRY, WHICH THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING WHEN STOPPED AT A CHECK POINT.  
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